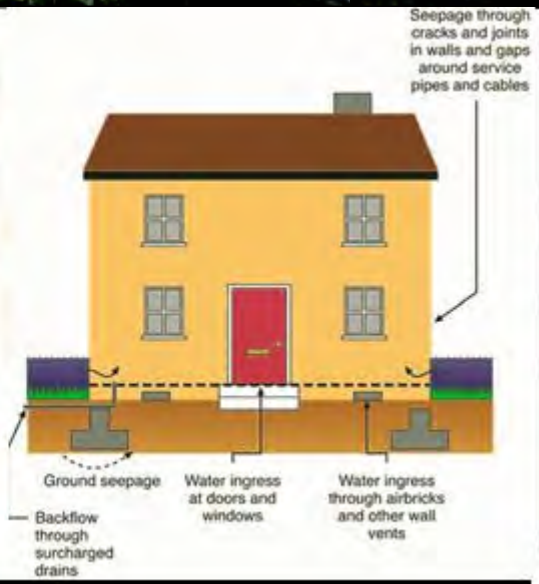
Implementing the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Bill

Scottish Government Perspectives



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The Bill…

- **A framework for:**
  - **Sustainable flood risk management;**
  - **Clear roles and partnership working;**
  - **Efficient statutory processes;**
- **Bill and its development roundly praised**
- **Fresh, forward-looking legislation….**

Successful implementation

- Clearly understood roles supported by partnership approach;
- Active stakeholder participation;
- Timely subordinate legislation, policies and technical guidance;
- Adequate and coordinated funding;
- Build on existing skills, knowledge and successes…

Implementation strategy

- Government led (initially) work plan;
- Stakeholder task teams to advise Government and deliver elements of work plan;
- Other implementation work, e.g. SEPA, LA's to be coordinated with Government work plan and groups.

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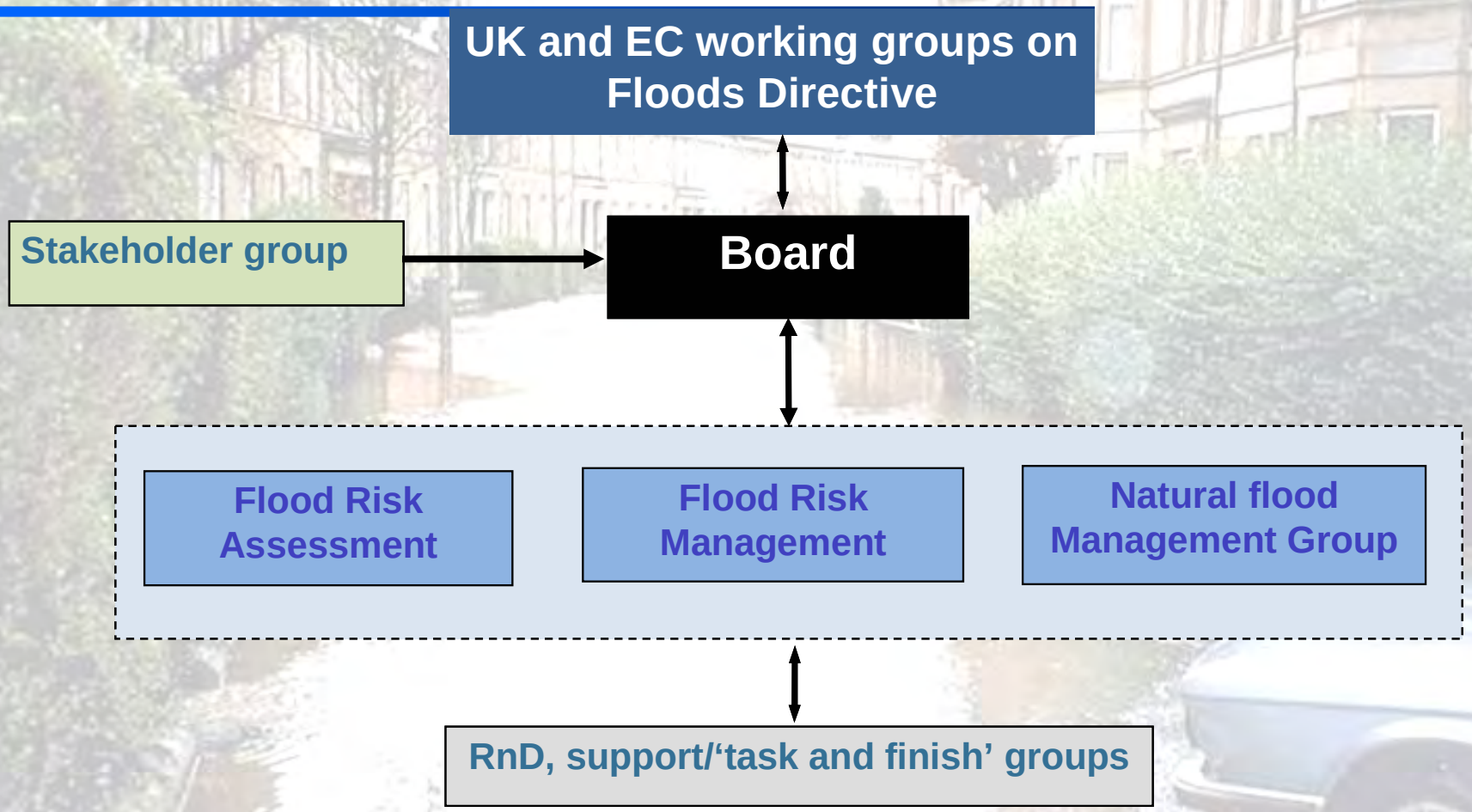
Groups supporting implementation



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Priorities

- Commencement and transitional arrangements;
- Cross border regulations;
- Designation orders- responsible authorities;
- Ministerial guidance- SFRM, cost-benefit;
- Technical guidelines- preliminarily flood risk assessment, management plans etc;
- Awareness raising- e.g. roles and responsibilities.